

## **United States Department of the Interior**

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## **NOTICE**

Effective immediately, if you are submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) which includes split estate lands (private surface/Federal minerals), you must provide the name(s) and address(s) of current private surface owner(s) along with your EOI. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will send a courtesy letter to the surface owner(s) providing notice of the scheduled auction as well as information about the BLM's regulations and procedures for Federal oil and gas leasing and development on split estate lands.

In the future, an EOI which includes split estate lands that does not provide the name and address of the surface owner(s) will not be processed for a lease sale by the BLM. In addition, any EOI which is currently pending in a BLM State Office will not be placed in the Notice of Competitive Lease Sale until the required information is provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ginny Buller, Land Law Examiner: e-mail <u>ginny buller@blm.gov</u> or phone (303) 239-3777; or Ms. Nancy McCarty, Land Law Examiner: e-mail <u>nancy mccarty@blm.gov</u> or phone (303)239-3780.

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